IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CHAWLA, et al.

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Title: RADIATION CURABLE COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING ALKOXYLATED ALIPHATIC DILUENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

April 26, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

- 3. (Amended) The coating composition according to claim 1, comprising, relative to the total weight of said coating composition, 1-50 wt% of said aliphatic reactive diluent.
- 4. (Amended) The coating composition according to claim 1, comprising, relative to the total weight of said coating composition, at least 35 wt% of said radiation-curable oligomer.
- 5. (Amended) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said aliphatic reactive diluent comprises an aliphatic moiety having at most 20 carbon atoms.